

## OIL SHOOT OVER TOP DIXIELAND DERRICK

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## NEW MEXICO NOW HAS OIL

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Rowell, N. M., March 26.—The biggest oil excitement in the history of the Texas-New Mexico line.

The Bell well, which is now producing oil at a rate of 200 barrels a day, is only a few feet from the surface. More than a dozen contracts were let last week and more are being made every day. This well is only 200 feet deep and the owners say that on the pump it will produce at least 200 barrels of oil a day or more, probably 300.

The oil is flowing freely over the casing and is not in that condition is very high.

This is the first real oil well in the state. It is the first well in the state to have been drilled to a depth of 200 feet and to have produced oil at a rate of 200 barrels a day. The well is only a few feet from the surface and the owners say that on the pump it will produce at least 200 barrels of oil a day or more, probably 300.

The well of Dixieland was swabbed and 200 feet down. Oil shot over the derrick and continued to flow. Drillers say that the pressure proves the existence of a big pool.

A recent dispatch from Pecos, Texas, says:

B. & O. N. R. R. survey, Reeves county, 25 miles north and west of Pecos, showed over the top of the casing yesterday. This well, which was brought in last Wednesday at a depth of 200 feet, is the first commercial discovery between Eastland and Los Angeles, Cal. The well has not yet been put on the pump, because of mechanical difficulties, therefore it is impossible at present to make any calculation of the potential production. Oil operators, who are flocking here from all parts of the country on every train, variously estimate the well from 200 to 200 barrels a day. The oil is of a light greenish color comparable to the flange and Stephens county crude testing about 27 degrees Beaumé. The oil comes from sand instead of limestone as in the Ranger-Eastland field, and it is found almost at the top of the Permian formation.

The strike has caused great excitement in and around Pecos and a veritable stampede is taking place to the new fields. Contracts for 50 or more new wells were closed on Monday.

## Trouble With Water at Dryden Well Is Over.

Artesia, March 25.—The driflers on the Dryden well have resumed work and think now that the trouble they have had with the water in the hole is over. The formation in this section has always been found more or less troublesome in some places and this well has had trouble with water ever since it was started. This has made it necessary to case off the hole which has taken much labor, time and money. The drill is running regularly at the present time and will continue to do so unless the water trouble comes up again.

## "The Blue Devil"

Way back in the early days of the world when driflers were unknown by that word women were wont to be tickled heated. Their vanity was touched when they found themselves pursued by more than one sweetheart.

Now a modern screen depicts a woman's heart at the tip of her tongue. Ruffs of her shoulders and eventually gets the man of her choice is depicted in the latest Theda Bara super-production, "The Blue Devil," to be presented by Williamson Fox at the Grand Theatre on Wednesday, March 24.

Theda Bara, the well known screen star, was never seen to better advantage than in her latest production. She plays the role of a Spanish Dancer, one of those beautiful, dreamy, sympathetic women of sunny Spain.

## Wait a Year.

Increased rates first prices. As the demand is established or restricted, prices decrease. This is a rule of public improvement as of other things. At the present time, contractors have all they can do to meet their obligations. They will enter into contracts only at high figures. When present jobs are finished, they will be seeking contracts at lower bids. But it is a reasonable expectation.

"It sells so because it costs so."—Don't next week's ad. explain what sells so.

## MAN HUNG ON SIGN STAND; WALKED UP IN A COFFIN; GAVE SQUEAK FOR JUDON

Julius Jison, an aged man, whose home has been in Pecos, is one of the few living men who saw my brother-in-law who attended his funeral. And he was particularly fond of saying that something in the nature of a "squeak" was in him to give himself from a "squeaking" burial.

The incident came to light today when Jison called at Sheriff George W. Armitage's office at the court house and related to him the tale of his own funeral. He is a poor man and weakened under the weight of years so that he can't work and came to the sheriff to ask him to put him in the coffin in the cemetery or some other place where he can spend his remaining years.

Jison was a victim of the influenza during the last epidemic. He was lying alone in a small house in Pecos and there was no one to take care of him. He was too weak to call help and he took care of himself until he was dead, and he remembered nothing further until he was in a coffin.

He was found apparently dead by neighbors and they prepared to give him a decent burial. They held a wake in his house and then the funeral. Jison was unconscious all the time, and did not know what was going on. They were ready to lower his coffin into the grave when they heard noise inside. They were made by Jison, who was just reviving, and semi-consciously moving his hands.

The scrawlings coming from the coffin caused the mourners to disperse hurriedly, but as they fled they thought came to them that the noise was made by natural causes and they returned to investigate. They uncovered the lid of the coffin and found the supposed dead man showing signs of life. The funeral was called off.

## Give Credit Where Due.

Banks are slow to give credit and the people are as proverbially slow to give bankers credit for anything. In the universal complaint over advanced prices of everything, there is one business that has not taken advantage of the trend of the times. Banks have not raised prices to keep pace with every other line of business or professional activity. The banker of the United States is charging practically the same rates for money as they did before the war.

Banks themselves probably feel the advanced prices as much as any other line of business.

Without doubt it costs any bank that does any volume of business at all twice as much to conduct its affairs as it did before the upward tendency set in.

Federal and state taxes are greater for them in proportion than for others and in most states their assessed valuation is higher than other classes of property. With all these added burdens it seems a wonder that they have not followed the natural course and advanced their rates to the limit permitted by law.

And yet the fact stands out clearly that they have not and have shown no tendency to do so. But how little credit is given them?

## AMERICAN FLAG DOWN IN TAOS, BUT NEW ONE WILL GO UP

Monday morning upon looking out citizens of Taos beheld the flag, which had been kept flying over the plaza since 1847, was not there. It lay prostrate on the ground. The pole, a lone one, was broken in two places. The wind did it.

The idea of keeping the flag to the breeze in Taos goes back to the time of the Mexican war. This was at the close of the war with Mexico.—Taos Valley News.

## "Secret Strings" in New Motion Picture.

"Secret Strings," which is the title of the latest Metro play, which will be shown at the Grand Theatre on Monday, March 22, and in which the beautiful star, Olive Tell, is seen, was adapted for the screen from the successful Broadway production of the same name from the pen of Kate Jordan.

This play deals with the dramatic events which follow when a girl of unusual beauty and charm finds the man who has married her a smooth and unprincipled crook who intends to use her attractions to further his own ends. She leaves him, but later comes into his life and is the means of preventing a serious jewel robbery which he has planned with his partner in crime. Love comes into her life again, this time, however, with a man worthy of her and the romantic mode is happiness. The play is one which is calculated to excite and retain interest—the situations are unusual and work rapidly to a tremendous and dramatic climax in which the stakes are even to wonder.

New Mexico Municipal League urges codification of municipal laws, improved provision for bond issues, real budgets and state supervision of city, town and village accounting methods.

## ONE OF TWO WOMEN RETURNED TO DEATH WAS BUT RECENTLY A MURDER

Albuquerque, March 25.—Mrs. Elizabeth, one of the two women who were killed at Fort Huachuca as a result of having been on a train, returned to Albuquerque after being rescued by being sent out in station the day. Mrs. Harris was still in the station in the latter's home at El Paso when the accident occurred.

It is attempting to save her life the sister also received notice from which she died the following day. The young ladies were aged 19 and 23 and were going to El Paso. A short time ago had been residents of Albuquerque all their lives. The husband of the older sister was Sergeant Lewis of the Seventh cavalry and he and Mrs. Harris had been married but a short time. The bodies of the unfortunate women were brought to Pecos, a detail of the cavalry troops, including Sergeant Lewis, arrived, securing them from the hospital to the train at El Paso. Interment was in the Pecos cemetery.

## Wedding Anniversary.

Sergeant and Mrs. Shellie H. Brooks celebrated their twelfth wedding anniversary Monday night, March 22, at their late residence on West Broadway, in the West Heights. There were forty invited guests. Progressive whist was the amusement for the evening. There were three prizes. Sergeant William, husband of Company G, 24th Infantry, was the lucky man for first prize, which was a lovely piece of ivory. Mrs. William Warren won second prize, a lovely cut glass box with dish; Mrs. William Boyd, third prize, a pearl handle pocketbook; and Mrs. William Stewart the fourth prize. After the games a dinner six course luncheon was served.

The sergeant and Mrs. Brooks wish to thank their many friends for the valuable gifts presented them on this occasion.

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## The Outdoor Whist Club.

Messrs. James Bright and N. L. Black entertained Thursday evening with a surprise birthday party, in compliment of Miss First Class N. C. Black, at the home of the latter.

The decorations for the occasion were very attractive, the most attractive being a large cake surrounded by 27 candles.

Musical Black was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, among these being a handsome birthday ring, presented by his wife.

The prize winners for the evening were Mrs. Black and Corporal Harris. After the games a dainty salad and ice cream was served by the hostess. The guests of the evening were: Cook and Mrs. James Bright, Corporal and Mrs. John Harris, Sergeant and Mrs. Louis A. Belpio, Mrs. F. Trullis, of St. Louis, Mo., and Sergeant Montgomery.

## Municipal Surveys and Audits.

The Taxpayers' Association of New Mexico is engaged in making financial surveys of towns and villages in the state. During the past few months such surveys have been made for Clayton, Belen, Magdalena, Socorro, Alamogordo, Tularosa, Mesquite, Fort Sumner, Wilford, and Mesquite. In addition, Mr. Stephens, assistant to the director of the association, has made thorough audits from date of incorporation to the present time in Gallup, Carrizozo, Vaughn, and Tularosa. Such audits will be made this month also, for the village of Rio. The assistance furnished these municipalities includes suggestions and recommendations for keeping proper accounts, forms for books and records being submitted for consideration.

## A Reconciliation Commission.

The county commission of Chaves county at a recent meeting passed a resolution providing for a reconciliation of improvements upon real estate throughout the county. Such valuation is to be made by a commission of three members, one to be appointed by the county commission, and one by the state tax commission. A detailed report is to be made and a copy thereof will be filed with each of the appointing bodies. The expenditures will be borne in equal shares by each body.

## NEIS ENCOUNTERS A BARRICADE OF GUNS

C. J. Neis, formerly of Santa Fe, now of Roswell, received a warm welcome on College street as he drove into town this afternoon from the Pecos valley in a Dodge car with yellow wheels. Sheriff Armitage, Deputy Sheriff Ricardo Alvarez, Post Alford, Harry Orlin and other officers were lined up across the road, with a formidable array of guns, rocks and other weapons to arrest a suspected desperado who stole the car from New. It happened that Neis rounded up the thief himself and delivered him to the authorities at Roswell and the local officers, advised to look out for the car, were important of later developments under the name "Narciss" and explained matters.

## NEW MEXICO BARRICADE AGAIN IN FORMED

At a meeting held by exhibit powers and brokers of Albuquerque last night at the residence of the New Mexico Bazaar Association, was organized with a charter membership of 25.

James Gifford gave an address in which he pointed out the great and last qualities of the different kinds of exhibits. Four specimens were brought for exhibition, the New Zealand Himalayas, Rufus and Plomah Giant. At the next meeting, which will be held at the chamber of commerce April 2, a young woman expert will demonstrate the dressing of a rabbit for its fur. Contested and by laws will be drawn up and submitted at the next meeting. The increase of the Monday night meeting over the previous shows that a growing interest is being taken in the work.

## National Budget.

The National Security League urges adoption of genuine national budget.

## Special Tax Commission.

In pursuance of an act passed by the legislature at its special session, Governor Laramie has appointed a commission to study the entire tax situation and report to the next legislature in 1927. The appointees are: H. J. Hagerson, president of the Taxpayers' association of New Mexico, Roswell; John Jerns, secretary of the State Tax commission, Santa Fe; J. E. Sheridan, state mine inspector, Silver City; W. O. Hagdon, East Las Vegas; J. P. McGinnis, Albuquerque. An appropriation of \$5,000 was made for the commission's expenses.

## NEW MEXICO WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Mesilla Park ships 50 cases eggs. Ramblaine constructs new school building. Las Cruces gets fine new store building.

Magdalena — Handcarriage mine camp being rebuilt. Willards salt refining plant gets new equipment.

Belen gets W. C. T. U. institution costing \$20,000. Carlsbad—Work hurried on new plaster plant.

Globe — Construction starts on Austin store building. Alamogordo tale miles ship several cars to eastern firms.

Duran—Drilling for oil resumed here; well down 450 feet. Roswell—Four deep foot wells to be put down in Pecos valley.

Manuelito—Black-shafting company to resume operations at Escalante. Santa Fe—Showings of oil at Mesa Verde well very encouraging.

Philip — Dodge county printed for maintenance of fine schools for employees.

Albuquerque—Ten thousand dollars to be expended in remodeling Masonic temple.

Anthony—Valley Telephone company raises rates on account of high operating expenses.

Santa Fe chamber of commerce seeks to improve business and increase membership.

Albuquerque—Santa Indiana contractor \$1000 worth of labor on flood protection projects.

Fortuna has new paper devoted strictly to state's oil interests, known as New Mexico Oil Digest.

Manuelito — National Exploration company now drilling for oil here day and night; second well going down at Orchard Park, third at Lake Arthur.

Chiricahua—Good wagon road needed to develop the prospects in Turkey Taylor and Canyon creeks.

Lamberton — The Standard Oil company will drill oil well on 40,000 acres. Seventy-two carloads of material have been shipped here and a gang of men is at work on a huge warehouse.

## Oxy Has Fine Bill for Next Week.

If you love what is best in motion pictures, do not fail to see the 1918 version of William Farnum's great success, "The Plunderer," which will be shown at the Oxy Theatre next Sunday, March 28.

This stirring play has been remade to fit 1918 standards, and is now perhaps the most thrilling that ever. It contains several of the most terrific fights against the evil designs of desperate men in the far west. It is a story of the battle for a gold mine and the love of a clever girl.

## Readiest Federal State Revenue.

Says the National Tax Bulletin: "A reorganization of sources of federal and state revenues is imperatively demanded to provide adequately for the growing public expenditures without stifling the continued development of industry and commerce." To arrive at such a solution, a national convention is suggested to be composed of members of high intelligence representative of all sections, the federal and all state governments.

## Advertising benefits the buyer.

—As well as the seller. It points the way to better value and greater economy.

Read and act!

# J. R. BLAIR

MANAGER

## Columbus & Western New Mexico Townsite Company

PROMOTERS OF COLUMBUS

See us for town lots, business and residence property. Oil Leases and Valley Lands.

Columbus, New Mexico

## DANIEL & HAGUE

### New and Second-Hand Goods

Bought and Sold

### NEW STORE One block West Clark Hotel

## LEGAL ADVERTISING. LEGAL ADVERTISING.

## REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE COLUMBUS STATE BANK

At Columbus in the State of New Mexico, at the close of business on February 26, 1926.

Assets	Liabilities
Loans and discounts.....\$114,086.25	Capital stock paid in.....\$25,000.00
Total loans.....10,627.36	Surplus fund.....100.00
Overdrafts.....	Undivided profits.....\$2,543.38
U. S. bonds owned and unpledged.....3,200.00	Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid.....2,465.36
Total U. S. bonds.....3,200.00	Individual deposits subject to check.....17,061.78
Stocks, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock.....2,256.89	Gifted checks.....1,095.00
Value of banking house (if unincumbered).....2,256.89	Cashier's checks outstanding.....2,617.27
Furniture and fixtures.....4,377.08	Total of demand deposits.....174,000.00
Real estate owned other than banking house.....800.00	Certificates of deposit.....10,104.20
Net amount due from National Banks.....10,504.73	Total of time deposits.....
Net amount due from Federal Reserve Banks.....	Total.....\$250,000.00
Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in Federal Reserve and National Banks).....216.34	
(a) Outside checks and other cash items.....311.46	
(b) Fractional currency, notes and cents.....\$23.54	
Coin and currency.....30,687.50	
Total.....306,894.25	

State of New Mexico, County of Luna, ss.  
We, J. L. Greenwood, President, and A. J. Weld, Cashier, of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. L. GREENWOOD, President.  
A. J. WELD, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of March, 1926.  
J. A. MOON, Notary Public.

Commission expires October 25, 1927.  
Correct Attest: J. L. Greenwood, A. J. Weld, J. L. Walker, Directors.

United States of America, District of New Mexico, ss.:  
In the United States District Court, District of New Mexico.

United States of America, L. L. Belmont, vs. One Hudson Super-Six Automobile; Fifteen Pints of Canadian Club Whisky and One Hundred Nine Pints of Blumybrook Whiskey, No. 724, Law.

## NOTICE.

To You Shaw and to all other persons claiming the above described property or knowing or having anything to say, why the same should not be condemned and forfeited, Greeting:

You and each of you are hereby notified that by virtue of a warrant of seizure, issued out of and under the seal of the above named court, I have arrested and placed in the custody of the Deputy Collector of Columbus of the United States, at Columbus, New Mexico, the following described property, to-wit:

One Hudson Super-Six automobile, patent No. 1,465,262, engine No. 31,260, Texas license No. 37,450, 1920 license tag No. 14,107; fifteen pints of Canadian Club whiskey and one hundred nine pints of Blumybrook whiskey.

You, and each of you, are hereby further notified to appear before said court at Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 12th day of April, 1926, and there to show cause, if any you have, why the said property should not be condemned and forfeited as prayed in the bill of filed in said court, and that unless you so appear and show cause as aforesaid, judgment by default will be taken against you and said property will be condemned and forfeited as prayed.

Witness the Honorable G. B. Nichols, Judge of the United States District Court of the District of New Mexico, and the seal of said court, at Santa Fe, in said district, this 25th day of March, 1926.

A. B. HUBBETH,  
U. S. Marshal.

By Robert A. Lane, Deputy.

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